



# ***POINT LOMAS, 1961***

## **WPB 82321**

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Builder: Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD

Commissioned: 9 August 1961

Decommissioned: 26 May 1970

Disposition: Transferred to South Vietnam as *HQ 718* on 26 May 1970; captured by the North Vietnamese upon the fall of South Vietnam in 1975; ultimate fate unknown.

Length: 82'10" oa, 78' bp

Navigation Draft: 5'11" max (1960)

Beam: 17'7" max

Displacement: 69 fl; 60 light (1960)

Main Engines: 2 Cummins diesel (see class history)

BHP: 1,200

Performance, Maximum Sustained: 14.5 kts, 577-mi radius (1,200 hp, 1960)

Performance, Economic: 10.7 kts, 1,271-mi radius (1,200 hp, 1960)

Maximum Speed: 16.8 kts (1960)

Fuel Capacity: 1,840 gal

Complement: 8 men (1960), 2 officers, 8 men (1965)

Electronics:

Radar: SPN-11, CR-103 (1960), or SPS-64

Armament: 1 x 20mm (1960), 5 x .50 cal mg, 1 x 81 mm mortar (Vietnam service)

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**Class history**—The 82-foot patrol boats have mild steel hulls and aluminum superstructures. Longitudinally framed construction was used to save weight.

These boats were completed with a variety of power plants. 82301 through 82313, 82315 through 82317, and 82319 through 82331 were powered by two Cummins 600-hp diesels. Boats 82318 and 82332 through 82379 received two Cummins 800-hp diesels. The 82314 was fitted with two 1,000-hp gas turbines and controllable-pitch propellers. The purpose of this installation was to permit the service to evaluate the propulsion equipment. All units were eventually fitted with the 800-hp diesels. Units remaining in 1990 were re-equipped with Caterpillar diesels.

WPB 82301 through 82344 were commissioned without names; at that time the Coast Guard did not name patrol craft shorter than 100 feet. In January 1964 they were assigned names.

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### **Ship's history:**

The *Point Lomas* was stationed at Port Aransas, Texas, from 1961 to 1965. She was used for law enforcement and SAR.

She was assigned to Coast Guard Squadron One, Division 12, Vietnam, from July 1965 to May 1970. Coast Guard Division 12, comprising eight 82-footers, operated out of Danang.

She was transferred to the South Vietnamese Navy on 26 May 1970 and was captured by North Vietnamese forces upon the fall of the South Vietnamese government in 1975.

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